

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 11:00 am. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the meeting was to approve an agreement for equipment and services with AT&T Mobility National Accounts LLC; adopt a resolution to authorize a lease purchase agreement with BandcorpSouth for two vehicles for the Sheriff's Office; and to review the final sketch to remodel the former USDA building and authorize a request for bids.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to change the County's cell phone service from Verizon to AT&T Mobility. This will save the county about \$1,100.00 annually. Commissioners Adams, Kenney and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion because he wanted more information. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the resolution (Res. No. 18-02-01) authorizing a lease purchase agreement with BankcorpSouth Equipment Finance for a Dodge Charger and a Ford Pickup F150 for the Sheriff's Office. BankcorpSouth's finance rate was 3.34% and BB&T's quote was 4.2%. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the final sketch for the remodeling of the former USDA / NRS office building. After making some changes the Board agreed to authorize a request for sealed bids for the remodeling on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams Called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Kenney led the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Commissioner Palmer wanted to discuss the Montgomery County Commissioners Employee handbook under new business and asked if all the Commissioners had an employee handbook. Commissioner Palmer also wanted to move the financial reports toward the end of the agenda. Commissioner Palmer also stated County Manager Brandon Braddy should move to another location at the Board table so he, Commissioner Palmer could have a conversation with Chairman Adams without Manager Braddy interrupting. There was no action taken on these requests. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas and Williamson voted in favor of the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Palmer opposed due to his request to amend the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. After Commissioner Kenney raised point of order against Commissioner Palmer twice for trying to discuss and debate the actual actions in the minutes instead of amendments to the minutes. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas and Williamson voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board was Michele Johnson from the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Johnson informed the Board of the Chamber's activities including the Grand Opening of Paul Thigpen Chevrolet on February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm.

Joe Filippone, Director of the Montgomery County Development Authority, reported there were five prospects, four retails and one wholesale, that was interested in opening their businesses in the County. Mr. Filippone will soon be starting a marketing campaign for the County. He also reported a ribbon cutting at the Uvalda Package Shop on February 22 at 10:00 am. Mr. Filippone invited the Board to attend a meeting he is having with Pineland Telephone to discuss Broadband on February 21 at 1:30 pm.

Under Reports, EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported that text messaging 911 calls to emergency responders is now available with EZ911's software and is being used by the Montgomery County E911 Center. This will clear up or reduce unneeded radio traffic.

The Road Department held a safety meeting on January 31, 2018 with the topic being 'Flagging Safety'. There were ten employees at the meeting and there were no accidents to report for January 2018.

The Board reviewed the pending work orders and the projects list. The Board will now refer to the Development Authority property located on Highway 280 as the Business Park.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain presented the Board with a sketch of the Tara Plantation Subdivision Roads and the County's Recreation Department ball fields. Mr. Fountain told the Board what he could do to improve the roads at the subdivision and reviewed plans of the ball fields. The Board agreed to move forward with improving the roads at Tara Plantation

Subdivision by first marking the right-of-way of the roads in the subdivision. Mr. Fountain will continue to work on the ball fields whenever time permits.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial reports. During the review of the accounts payable, Commissioner Palmer asked about the additional \$2,500.00 supplement paid to the Development Authority. This supplement is for the Toombs Montgomery Chamber of Commerce dues and for the Montgomery County Magazine. Commissioner Palmer inquired about when did the Board approve those expenditures. Commissioner Kenney then informed Commissioner Palmer that it was approved when the budget was approved. Commissioner Palmer replied “*smart-ass*” to Commissioner Kenney.

Under Old Business, the Board reviewed the Public Comment Policy. Commissioner Williamson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to adopt the Public Comment Policy with noted changes. This policy will become effective March 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, the Board agreed to sign the County Agent Program Assistant contract for the period January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 with the University of Georgia on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board went into Executive Session at 6:42 pm to discuss legal issues. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board came out of Executive Session at 7:28 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Palmer the Board approved the Executive Session minutes from January 28, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.